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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/973,049
	Filing Date	October 10, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Kazunobu MIKI
	Group Art Unit	2829
	Examiner Name	J. M. Hollington
	Attorney Docket Number	50090-443

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

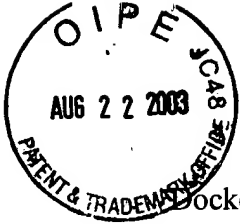
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In re Application of :
: **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**
: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**
Kazunobu MIKI :
: Customer Number: 20277
Application No.: 09/973,049 : Confirmation Number: 5044
: Group Art Unit: 2829
Filed: October 10, 2001 : Examiner: Jermele M. Hollington
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT TEST APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF TESTING
SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT USING THE APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 23, 2003, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims are presented in the revised amendment format described in the Official Gazette,¹ regarding waiver of the current provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(a)-1.121(d).

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¹ 1267 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 4 (February 25, 2003).